

WE have been reading with pleasure each week, for quite a while past, in the columns of the IRONTON REGISTER, an original poem from the pen of the editor, E. D. Ake. Bro. Ake is by no means a slouch when it comes to courting the muse. His poems possess genuine merit, and we believe these frequent appearances in the REGISTER of his clever verses means that he is going to make a collection of his poems and publish them in book form. If he does, we'll have a copy if we have to walk to Ironton after it.—*Jackson Cash-Book.*

THE horseshoe is a universal symbol of good luck. The cause of its institution is related by a writer to the Boston Post. According to a mythological legend, "a certain god having fought a losing battle, was escaping on his good horse, being closely pressed by his enemies. He was confident of eluding them until his horse cast a shoe and soon went lame. In distress and despair the god and his horse came to a 'forge in the forest.' Upon the god stating his plight, the master of the forge fastened a shoe upon the horse's foot with such skill and alacrity that the horse pranced for joy and pawed his gratitude, and was soon able to carry his master into safety. Before waving adieu, the god thanked the blacksmith and proclaimed that for all time the horseshoe, which had enabled him to escape death, should be the emblem of 'good luck.'"

A BIT of romance attaches to every life were but the story fully told. In fact, will some one please cite me a single instance to the contrary where two lives have been knit together by Master Weaver Cupid? He works regardless of place or condition and leads opportunity by the nose, so to speak. Misfortune does not daunt him, nor misery appal. With the sunlight of love he dispenses the clouds of despair and bathes life's rugged crags and yawning chasms in—in—well, he's simply "the whole cheese." The courtship of Mayor and Mrs. Isaacs of Chillicothe, Mo., who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, is told by the Kansas City Post in this way: "When the mayor was a young man he called at the Austin home one day as a peddler and exhibited his wares. While enjoying the huge comfortable fireplace the mayor's glance fell on Miss Amanda who was busy in the kitchen. Of course it was love at first sight with the mayor. While he stood rooted to the spot the playful fire took hold of the seat of his pants. Miss Amanda saw the danger and quickly enveloped him in a blanket. Needless to say the trousers were in a bad shape and Miss Amanda volunteered to mend them. Her services were accepted, and from that time to this she has been busy—keeping the mayor away from the fire."

ON the first page of this paper is an article from the St. Louis Times whose sole purpose is apparently to discredit the citizens of Iron and Reynolds counties and to awaken sympathy for the convicted murderers of Sheriff Polk. The article is a tissue of falsehood, and that it is given place in the Times is an infamous outrage upon a forbearing and long-suffering community. There is no excuse for it. The facts in the case have been legally established and are of record. Any paper desiring to give expression to the truth may obtain them without difficulty. They controvert every allegation made in behalf of Wm. Spauld. As to the condition of the sister so pathetically set forth—whose mind became "a blank" when her gentle, boyish brother was taken to Reynolds county to suffer for the small offense of taking human life—for five years she has been, off and on, an inmate of the insane asylum; first at Fulton and afterward at Farmington. So much for this harrowing part of the "story." It is but natural that the members of the family should use all endeavors to save the condemned from punishment, and the means they employ need not be too closely scrutinized; but what astonishes us is that a paper making claims to decency and good reputation sets forth under glaring headlines their bold assertions and apparently stamps them with the seal of approval and verification. The murder of Sheriff Polk was

not the culmination of a "boyish quarrel" but of an uncalculated, unprovoked assault with "brass knuckles" by Bill Spauld upon a youth who had given him no offense whatever. The assailant now under sentence is not "a mere youth," but at the time of the murder was a man full-grown, thirty years old. His later life had been a record of law-breaking, and a few days after his arrest he boasted to Dr. Barnhouse that "we'll get clear of this and then we'll fix some more of you g—d—s—of b—!" In fact, a half-dozen citizens whose sole offense was that they objected to lawlessness and wrong-doing had been "marked" for punishment by him and his brother before their final crime and arrest. For weeks after their arrest neither Bill nor Arthur denied their joint crime, but admitted their guilt and were "sorry" that they had killed the sheriff. The saddling of the whole crime upon his brother, Arthur, is now resorted to in the attempt to save Bill. Sheriff Polk was killed May 25, 1905, and Spauld was tried at Centerville, Reynolds county, six months after the crime—a change of venue from this county having been granted him. If "sentiment was at fever heat" so long after the crime, and so far away from the scene of its commission, and defeated justice, as is intimated, it is indeed remarkable. The deceased had no relative who was "a law officer" or in any way connected with the trial. The Spaulds never had a home in Centerville to be broken up, but were residents of Ironton up to the time of the trial. For one, I am awared with these dirty flings from the city press which seems to hold that a "sensational" justifies falsehood and slander, and if there is any sense of decency and fairness in the Times I expect it to reproduce this refutation of the allegations it has made against our people.

R. Hotson has for sale all kinds of tomato and cabbage plants and fresh garden seeds.

Des Arc Items.

We are having fine growing weather. The wheat crop looks bad, but it may come out. Oats are looking fine and corn is coming up very well.

I have never seen so much millet come to Des Arc as at present. Over 300 sacks were sold here and at Brunot. Stevenson & Fitz have sold 140 sacks and have ordered more.

Our section men have gone to work at \$1.40 per day. They ought to have \$1.50; everybody pays that for help. It costs more to live now; \$1.50 will go no further than \$1.10 did a few years ago.

I was at Piedmont Saturday and found things a little dull there. It was not for the farming country around it would be a dead town. Carter & Hackworth seem to be doing more business than any of the merchants.

I was at Williamsville, and this town seems to be on a boom. The hub factory there was idle, and had been for two days. Hub logs looked a little rough and not very many on the yard. Williamsville always was a hard proposition for timber.

Frank Talbot and Cowboy Smith arrived here at 3:30 P. M. Sunday, and left at 6 o'clock on their race of three thousand miles walk. They will wind up at Jamestown. They average 31 miles per day.

J. L. Strader went to Piedmont Saturday on business.

E. W. Graves was in St. Louis last week.

W. J. Fitz purchased a fine horse in Ironton last week from Jesse Hawkins.

Wort Keathley was home from Ironton Sunday. He has charge of a handle factory there.

Ed. Maddock, Gene. Fitz and Arthur Wallis spent Sunday in Arcadia Valley.

Mrs. W. E. McKee and daughter, Hazel, were shopping in Ironton last week.

Mrs. Lewis Brewington and children stopped here to see her father, Dr. Farr. She is on her way to Washington, Mo., where they will reside.

John Lovelace and wife spent Sunday with Fred Farr and family at Annapolis.

Misses Nettie Hinckle and Pearl Butler returned to Granite City Sunday, after a week's visit with friends here and at Brunot.

Mrs. Harry Myrick left Monday for Sparta, Ill., where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Joe Rodihaver.

Geo. Gassman spent Sunday at his home at Middlebrook.

Dr. C. H. Jones was in town Monday to see Mrs. Mahala Loyd, who was kicked by a cow one day last week while she was milking.

Mrs. Dave Gibson and daughter came up from Piedmont last week to see Grandma Jamison, who fell last week and broke her leg just below the hip. Drs. Toney and Farr were called to see her, but owing to old age the limb could not be set.

Rev. Brooks filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

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